

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

A laser diode for an optical pickup. The laser diode includes active connectors and a ground connector protruding so as to be electrically connectable to a laser diode drive integrated circuit. The ground connector is longer than the active connectors, and an end of the ground connector is acutely shaped compared to ends of the active connectors, or both. Accordingly, the laser diode is prevented from malfunction due to electrostatic discharge.